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Considerable success achieved in combating drugs menace during past 5 years

Myanmar will do her utmost to realize objectives of 15-Year Plan

19th Ceremony of Destruction of Seized Drugs held

YANGON, 26 June — The 19th Ceremony of the Destruction of Seized Drugs organized by the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) was held this morning in the compound of Drug Elimination Museum in Kamayut Township.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Director-General of the Myanmar Police Force Secretary of CCDAC Brig-Gen Khin Yi made an address.

In his address, he said the purpose of the occasion held today is to burn and destroy drugs that are endangering the human race, the distinguished guests will have the opportunity to witness firsthand, the unsparing efforts of

Myanmar in the fight against drugs as a national cause.

Today, the 26th of June, is the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Ceremonies to mark this day are being held in countries all over the world and also in Myanmar. Every year on this day, Myanmar holds a ceremony to commemorate this day by burning and destroying drugs seized as a result of the efforts to eliminate drugs in the country. Myanmar has conducted ceremonies of burning drugs in this manner and has now reached the 19th year. These ceremonies are being conducted not only in Yangon but also in border areas of Myanmar and other townships, and the total number of burning seized drugs has now reached 34 times.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets a diplomat at the Ceremony of the Destruction of Seized Drugs. — MNA

Myanmar has achieved considerable success in combating the menace of drugs and has

gained considerable momentum during the past 5 years.

The Illicit Crop

Monitoring Programme jointly conducted with UNODC has reported that poppy cultivation has

declined 13% and the opium production had fallen to 828 metric tons in 2002, while in 2003, poppy cultivation further declined 24% while opium production fell to 810 metric tons. In 2004, there was a decline in poppy cultivation of 29% and opium production fell to 370 metric tons. The Opium Yield Survey conducted annually in collaboration with the US has also shown a potential production of 292 tons in 2004, a drastic decline of 88% if compared to 1996 levels. Cultivation also declined 81% for the same period.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun press a button to incinerate the seized drugs. — NLM



Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Mandalay Division strives to meet million paddy sown acreage in three years

Myanmar is an agro-based country. This being so, systematic steps are being taken for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

In the agriculture sector, self-sufficiency in rice has been accorded special priority and relentless efforts are being made to export the surplus. In this regard, cultivation of quality paddy, utilization of natural and chemical fertilizers and application of proper cultivation methods are being launched.

In the meantime, emphasis is being placed on boosting the per acre yield of the ten major crops.

The coordination meeting on meeting the target of monsoon paddy sown acreage for 2005-2006 in Mandalay Division was held at the meeting hall of the Central Command on 22 June with an address by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, Meiktila District has been designated as a special region and efforts are being made to put monsoon paddy under one million acres in Mandalay Division in three years for ensuring self-sufficiency in the region.

To be able to do so, relentless efforts are being exerted district-wise and extended land reclamation is being launched in Yamethin District starting from 2004-2005.

In Meiktila District, monsoon paddy was put under 112,124 acres in 2004-2005 and irrigation facilities are under repair to meet the set sown acreage in 2005-2006. Likewise, in Kyaukse District, possible ways and means are being sought to ensure water supply for agriculture purpose so as to meet the set sown acreage.

To exceed the target of monsoon paddy sown acreage, PyinOoLwin District, Myingyan District, NyaungU District and Mandalay District are exerting strenuous efforts by making the most of available resources.

To meet the target of one million sown acreage by 2006-2007, Mandalay Division has been working hard since 2004. And arrangements are being made to put monsoon paddy under 874,600 acres in the division in 2005-2006.

Possible ways and means are being applied to ensure water supply and available resources tapped in Mandalay Division to meet the set sown acreage of monsoon paddy.

Therefore, officials concerned are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts in accord with the guidance of the Head of State to exceed the target of sown acreage and ensure self-sufficiency in Mandalay Division.

Rail Transportation Deputy Minister arrives back

YANGON, 26 June — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thuang Lwin arrived back here by air yesterday evening after attending the East-West Economic Corridor Conference: Investment Opportunities co-organized by UNESCAP, AWB and Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) Business Forum held in Bangkok, Thailand.

He was welcomed back at the airport by Managing Director of Myanma Railways U Min Swe, the head of office, departmental officials and families.

MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Departmental vehicles checked on dry day



Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and members supervise dry day inspection teams. — MNA

YANGON, 26 June — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint together with Committee Members Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, military officers and departmental heads, supervised the dry day inspections at the main points of the city this morning.

Similarly, Committee Members Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu,

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, military officers and departmental heads supervised the dry day inspections.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence and wheel tax bill, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking traffic rules from 7 am to 5 pm today.

MNA

New computer showroom, training centre opened



MD U Htin Aung Khine formally opens Ocean Gate computer showroom and service centre. — MNA

Deputy Health Minister arrives back from Japan

YANGON, 26 June — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo arrived back here by air on 24 June evening after attending the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Seminar for the countries of Asia-Pacific region held in Tokyo, Japan on 21-22 June.

The deputy minister was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Directors-General of departments and officials under the Ministry, and Counsellor of Embassy of Japan. Deputy Director-General of the Health Planning Department U Aung Kyaing also arrived back with the same flight. — MNA

YANGON, 26 June — A ceremony to launch new Lucky Bird Computer showroom, service centre and Ocean Gate computer training centre was held at the training centre on Theinbyu Road this morning, attended by officials, computer sale representatives and guests. Managing Director U Htin Aung Khine formally opened the new sale room and training school.

Lucky Bird Co Ltd has been distributing computers and accessories since 1999 opening service centre. Ocean Gate Training Centre was launched in February 2005. The courses on basic computer, Internet and e-mail, DTP, photoshop CS, ICT carrier level-1, PC installation and configuration, network +1, Auto CAD 2005, Japanese and English languages, are being lectured at the training by the experienced teachers. — MNA

အချို့အချို့ Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) စားသုံးခြင်း အန္တရာယ်သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

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- နှလုံးရောဂါ
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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Annual session of Asian News Network bearing fruits

BEIJING, 25 June — Politics, economics and the nuts and bolts of newspaper readership underlined the annual gathering of the Asia News Network (ANN) in Beijing on Friday.

The annual conference also shone a spotlight on regional integration, openness and the impact of the Internet and commercialization on China's media.

The conference brought to Beijing more than 30 editors and executives from Asian countries, and was hosted by *China Daily*, whose Editor-in-Chief Zhu Ling becomes chairman of the group this year.

The impact of China on other regional economies and the future of the country's economy were two topics at the heart of the discussions held over three sessions and the 13th sitting of *China Daily's* CEO Roundtable, held to coincide with the conference.

CEO Roundtables bring together top execu-

tives and government officials and have been held in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing.

Founded in 1999, the Asia News Network is a grouping of 14 newspapers from Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Once a "sleeping dragon", China is now playing a more important role both regionally and globally, according to the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, which funds the Asia News Network.

China is generating tremendous interest, thus the choice to hold the meeting in Beijing.

"Giants always evoke a little bit of interest because people ask: 'Where are they going?'"

To look for answers, a group of panelists were gathered for the event at the Kempinski Hotel including Anthony Saich, chair of the International Affairs Faculty at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, Long Yongtu, secretary-general of the Boao Forum, and Wen Tiejun, dean of the School of Agriculture and Rural Development at Renmin (People's) University of China.

MNA/Xinhua



Fossils of a *Mamenchisaurus Constructus*, measuring 13 metres (43 feet) long and seven metres (23 feet) high, which lived around the late-Jurassic period, is lid up and displayed at the Cityplaza shopping mall in Hong Kong on 24 June, 2005. —INTERNET

Chinese Vice-Premier calls for closer eco links with Ireland

BEIJING, 25 June — China is ready to enhance cooperation with Ireland in all areas, Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said here on Friday during his meeting with Irish Minister of Finance Brian Cowen.

Cowen is heading a delegation to China for a meeting of Asian and European finance ministers. The Sixth ASEM (Asia Europe Meeting) Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM) is to be held in north China's port city of Tianjin on 26 June.

Huang said the relations between China and Ireland are good. He expressed appreciation to the government of Ireland for its efforts to promote bilateral relations and the links between China and Europe. He said the Chinese Government is will-

ing to further push forward the relations with Ireland and Europe.

Cowen said since the two countries established diplomatic links 25 years ago, the relations between Ireland and China have improved rapidly. In recent years, the two sides

have had frequent exchanges of high-level visits and have cooperated in various areas.

The governments of the two countries have set a goal of doubling the value of two-way trade. In 2004, trade between China and Ireland topped 3.3 billion euros, increasing 42 per cent over the previous year. The figure is expected to reach 6 billion euros in the coming years.

Cowen expressed the wish to further expand cooperation with China in such areas as education, technology, and culture. The two countries should also increase coordination on international affairs, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's export earnings increase in first half of this year

HANOI, 25 June — Vietnam is estimated to reap export turnovers of over 14.4 billion US dollars in the first half of this year, a year-on-year rise of 17.4 per cent.

Items recording high growth in export value include wood products, up 49.4 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 43.2 per cent; and rice, 10.5 per cent, according to the country's Trade Ministry on Friday.

In the period, export turnovers of Vietnam's 4 biggest currency earners, namely crude oil, textile and garment, footwear and seafood, respectively rose 35.1 per cent, 0.1 per cent, 2.9 per cent and 5 per cent. The crude oil value surged to 3.4 billion dollars due to the increasing world price, though the volume declined 14 per cent to 8.3 million tons.

Meanwhile, the country exported nearly 8.2 million tons of coal worth 300 million dollars, posting year-on-year rises of 41.8 per cent and 114 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

American hostage in Iraq still alive

MANILA, 25 June — An American, who has been kidnapped with a Filipino overseas work in Iraq, is still alive, a Philippine foreign affairs official said on Friday.

Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for special concerns Rafael Seguis said at a Press conference that Roy Hallums, the American kidnapped along with Filipino accountant Robert

Tarongoy, is still in captivity alive.

"We were focusing on Bobby (Robert Tarongoy's nickname). But I was told that he (Hallums) is still alive. You can ask Bobby," Seguis said.

Seguis also denied reports that the Philippine Government paid between 1.4 million dollars

to 10 million dollars for the exchange of the safe release of Tarongoy, who has been home on Thursday.

However, Seguis said that the Iraqi kidnappers demanded the Philippine Government to continue the ban of the deployment to Iraq, which was agreed by the government.— MNA/Xinhua

Many dead in fresh Iraq violence

BAGHDAD, 25 June —At least 23 people have been killed during a series of guerrilla attacks on the security forces across Iraq.

Eleven died during bomb attacks outside the home of a policeman in the restive northern city of Samarra.

In another northern city, Mosul, at least four policemen died in a suicide car bombing.

The blasts followed the discovery of the bodies of eight policemen who died in an attack by gunmen in the western city of Ramadi.

There were also reports of clashes between US-backed Iraqi forces and guerrillas at Tal Afar, near Mosul.

The attack in Samarra began with several carloads of armed men occupying a road outside the house.

They opened the way for a suicide bomber to drive up and detonate his ex-

plosives, killing nine civilians and wounded 16 others.

Two attackers were killed, apparently while planting a second bomb intended to kill emergency services workers arriving at the scene.

The officer, a member of an elite police commando unit, was not injured.

In the Mosul attack, a suicide attacker rammed his vehicle into an Iraqi police patrol on a bridge in the south-west of the city.

The eight policemen who died in Ramadi had been manning a checkpoint on the road between the western city of Ramadi and the Syrian border. They were apparently ambushed.

Internet



US troops check the scene of a car bomb near a field of sunflowers in Baghdad, Iraq, on 25 June, 2005.—INTERNET

Chinese show great concern toward orphans of AIDS victims

BEIJING, 25 June — Many non-governmental organizations and social celebrities vowed to help the orphans of AIDS victims at a Press conference held in the State Council Information Office on Friday.

Hong Kong movie stars Jackie Chan and Andy Lau expressed their willingness to invite AIDS orphans to live in their homes for a few days in an effort to allay public discrimination against these disadvantaged children.

"Hearing about the second summer camp for the orphans to be held in Beijing and Hong Kong in August, Jackie quickly respond to the organizers," said Li Guoqiang, a camp organizer with the China Youth Concern Committee (CYCC).

"These orphans will be thrown into the dark and cold in the rest of their lives if no people really care for them," said Zhang Chaoyang, the chairman of board of directors of Sohu.com, one of China's biggest web portals. "It is actually a question of life and death."

"We have collected

donations or efforts from society and made joint efforts to promote their welfare more effectively," said Wang Bing, head of the Beijing Huaxia Charity Foundation. The current number of children whose parents died from AIDS is close to 80,000 in China, and it is predicted that the number will soar to 200,000 in 2010, according to an CYCC official Li Qimin.

"Bias, poverty and depression are the biggest problems haunting these children during their lifetime," Li said.

In the summer camp last year, the organizing committee spent two months finding a place for the orphans to stay. They were refused by nearly 40 hotels and institutions in Beijing, whose owners feared that receiving them would negatively affect their businesses.

But Chinese bias against people with HIV/AIDS is changing.

Not only have Chinese leaders and high-ranking officials' shaken hands with HIV/AIDS patients and eaten meals with them in front of news cameras, many folk activities have also revealed burgeoning efforts to transform the disease's public image.

China's second summer camp for the orphans is sponsored by the CYCC and Beijing Huaxia Charity Foundation. About 60 to 70 orphans, none of whom are HIV carriers themselves, from various provinces will attend the camp from 12 to 17 August in Beijing, and they later may visit Hong Kong.

During the camp, 60 to 70 families will be selected to adopt these kids, to eat and live with them together. — MNA/Xinhua

China to promote cooperation with Germany

BEIJING, 25 June — Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan met here on Thursday with former chancellor of Germany Helmut Kohl, agreeing to further promote exchanges and cooperation between the two sides.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the Chinese Central Military Commission and state councillor, said China and Germany are enjoying rapid development of ties at the present time.

"The two sides witness frequent, high-level visits, fruitful cooperation in various fields, and sound coordination in international affairs," he noted.

Relations between the two Armed Forces also enjoy smooth development, with exchanges and cooperation in various fields constantly expanding, Cao said.

Cao said China attaches importance to the strategic partnership with Ger-

many, and is ready to further enhance exchanges and cooperation between the two sides.

Kohl expressed his hope that the exchanges and cooperation between Germany and China would get further promoted.

Kohl paid a visit to China as guest of the China Institute for International Strategic Studies to attend an international symposium on non-traditional security. The two-day symposium, attended by 60 officials, experts and scholars from 17 countries of Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania, concluded here on Thursday. — MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier secures the area as he looks at Iraqi policemen who were shooting at a suspected car, during a patrol in central Baghdad, on 25 June, 2005.—INTERNET

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Ethiopia protests over BBC's post-riot story

ADDIS ABABA, 25 June — The Ethiopian Embassy in London on Friday protested against a post-riot story carried by British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), which it described as "outrageous and baseless", according to the Ethiopian News Agency.

In a letter sent to the BBC monitoring against the story titled "Ethiopia charging families 120 dollars to retrieve riot victims' bodies", Ethiopian Ambassador Fisseha Adugna said, "This wild

allegation is absolutely without foundation and has caused great distress to many."

"I understand that you are a monitoring service, but the choice of this item above many others with-

out any background checking, which your staff on the ground in Addis Ababa could have easily carried out, is irresponsible and unworthy of your institution," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Forty crocodiles ready for their journey to Dhaka

CHENNAI, 25 June — Under the "cross border conservation" programme, 40 marsh crocodiles will be airlifted to Dhaka in Bangladesh late Friday night, according to Harry Andrews, Director of the private Madras Crocodile Bank (MCB) in South India's Tamil Nadu State.

Of the 32 females and eight males which will fly to Bangladesh capital by an Alitalia airlines cargo flight, 10 will be kept in the Dhaka zoo and the rest will be moved to the "Endangered Species Breeding Centre" of the Wild-

life department in Dhaka, where they had now become extinct, Andrews told PTI.

He said this was the largest ever consignment to be sent abroad under the conservation and breeding programme.

This is the second time that crocodiles were being sent to Bangladesh. Two years ago, a dozen reptiles were sent and the last surviving crocodile had died early this year.

MNA/PTI

First cross-strait tourism expo to be held in Xiamen

BEIJING, 25 June — The first cross-strait tourism exposition is due to be held in Xiamen, an open city in east China's Fujian Province in September 2005 at the co-sponsorship of the National Tourism Administration and Fujian Provincial People's Government, a senior provincial tourism official said on Thursday.

Huang Xiaoyan, director of the Fujian Provincial Tourism Bureau, said the expo is aimed at promoting qualified and innovated tourism products, and increasing investment in local tourism industry, so as to further push tourism development across the Taiwan Strait.

There will be 320 booths in the venue of the exposition, with most of which having been booked by Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao tourism operators. Participants from 130 countries and regions worldwide will also join the expo, which is expected to arrange such activities as holding of a tourism forum and picture displays during the session.

MNA/Xinhua



Zoo workers pull a crocodile for release into the water at Mirpur zoo in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 25 June, 2005. Five rare fresh water crocodiles from India, destined for a breeding programme, arrived on Saturday, a zoo official said. — INTERNET

Brzezinski alleges incompetence in Iraq effort

WASHINGTON, 25 June — As President Bush tries to shore up support for his Iraq policy, Democrats continue to lament the increasing violence and rising US casualty count.

During remarks in the Democrats' weekly radio address, President Carter's national security chief Zbigniew Brzezinski said the war has been conducted with "tactical and strategic incompetence."

And he noted because of the war, "America finds itself more isolated than ever before" and the object of unprecedented international mistrust.

Brzezinski adds, "Patriotism and love of country does not demand endless sacrifice" of America's troops.— Internet

MWVO, reserve force of the State

Aye Myo Kyi

The Myanmar War Veterans Organization, one of the reserve forces of the State, consists of servicemen from Army, Navy and Air Force who shouldered duties at different ranks and retired from the Tatmadaw.

The MWVO came into existence in 1948 when the nation regained independence. The MWVO was upgraded into MWVO (Central) on 22 December 1972, and into MWVO Central Organizing Committee on 26 September 1973, and was reconstituted on 18 August 1989.

Then, the Central Organizing Committee was reconstituted on 21 October 1998 to be able to exert greater efforts on self-reliance to win the trust and admiration of the public in accord with the prevailing political, economic and social situations of the State.

Upholding Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy, the MWVO adopted the following three objectives:

- (1) To constantly discharge national defence duties and security tasks under the leadership of the Tatmadaw
- (2) To render assistance to WVO members and their families, and
- (3) To join hands with other congenial organizations in nation-building tasks.

It is also implementing its five work functions:

- (1) Tasks on national politics
- (2) National defence duties and security measures
- (3) Economic tasks
- (4) Community welfare services, and
- (5) Social welfare services

It formed the work force on national politics with its members endowed with skills and qualifications. Firmly imbued with correct conceptions, the Organization has been translating into reality the plans on national politics in its bid to effectively organize the people.

The MWVO national defence and security work force is conducting a variety of courses at

different levels and seminars to sharpen the abilities of its members.

The public welfare services work force of the MWVO is carrying out public welfare concerns in concert with the public and reserve forces of the nation such as the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, auxiliary fire brigade, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association along with social and religious organizations.

In undertaking a large range of public welfare services, the MWVO Central Organizing Committee has divided its tasks into two categories — works that contribute towards the public directly and works indirectly.

The MWVO also formed the economic central leading committee to do various businesses — commodity production, local and foreign trade, and services. It is carrying out tasks on agriculture, livestock breeding, industry, services, trade, tourism industry, construction, and mining precious stones.

The directly-benefitted tasks include social, religious and cultural undertakings, greening tasks, urban and rural beautifying tasks, sanitation tasks, and health and educative tasks.

The indirectly-benefitted measures comprise participation in the State's projects, mobilizing workers, machinery, bricks, sand and gravel, and transportation of earth. Its concept is that if the projects are completed ahead of schedule, the people will enjoy the fruits of construction projects earlier, and the nation will develop more rapidly.

The social welfare services work force under the Central Organizing Committee is leading State/Division WVO supervisory committees and WVO organizing committees in carrying out the social wel-

fare tasks. In doing so, the work force provides MWVO members and their families with regular assistance, assistance for educational purpose, assistance for attending courses, assistance for funeral services, assistance for disabled members, assistance for aged members, rice, and other assistance.

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Besides, the MWVO, a consolidated force, is contributing towards national political movements with might and main. State/Division WVOs have held preliminary conferences at respective regions to hail the MWVO Conference (2005).

At the preliminary conferences, the members held discussions on the five sectors — national politics, national defence and security, economy, social welfare, and public welfare services, and passed resolutions.

As a matter of fact, MWVO members have possessed defence capability, organizational capability and management capability, and armed with nationalistic fervour, Union Spirit, sacrificing spirit, and esprit de corps.

The members are therefore to make continued efforts to hand down such fine traditions to new members. In addition, they have to place greater emphasis on handing down exemplary traditions to new generations, winning trust and reliance of the public, and strengthen friendship with the people.

It is sincerely believed that preserving the fine traditions, the MWVO, the reserve force of the nation, will continue to make magnificent contributions towards nation-building tasks, national defence duties and will be able to stand firm in the interests of the nation and the people.

Translation: MS

Winners awarded



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents a prize to a winner.
MNA

YANGON, 26 June — A prize-presentation ceremony for the winners of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking commemorative short story, article, song, poem, cartoon, painting, poster, computer painting, digital poster and photo contests (Central Level) took place at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council this afternoon, with an address by Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe. Present on the occasion were No 4 Military Region Commander Col Hla Aye, Yangon Division PDC Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, members of Yangon Division Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, chairmen of district PDCs, officials, guests and parents of the winners.

After the speech of the commander, the prize-presentation ceremony followed. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and officials presented prizes to 56 prize winners of respective competitions. — MNA

Talks on Myanmar Women's Day given in Yangon Division

YANGON, 26 June — Supervised by Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs, talks on Myanmar Women's Day were given in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. It was attended by Chairman of Yangon East District Organization for Women's Affairs Daw Mar Mar Thein and members.

Organizers of district and township OWA gave talks on the occasion. Likewise, Mayangon Township OWA held tree planting ceremony and talks on Myanmar Women's Day were given at No 5 Basic Education Middle School yesterday morning.

A similar ceremony was held in Hlaine Township yesterday.

Later, Chairmanperson of Hlaine Township OWA Daw Pan Pan Phyto presented membership applications of MWAF to Daw Wint Wint Naing.

MNA



MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

3rd July 2005

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Talks on Myanmar Women's Day in progress at Dagon Myothit (North) Township. — WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

Preliminary seminars on respective sectors for Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference(2005) start

YANGON, 26 June— Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference (2005) commenced at the

designated places of Bayintnaung Transit Centre-1 on Bayintnaung

Road this morning.

The seminar of the group-1 on national po-

litical sector was held at the guest hall. Member of MWVO Central Organiz-

ing Committee Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presided over the seminar together with members Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and U Chit Naing, and Lt-Col Khin Maung Than acted as MC. Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint delivered an opening speech. Next, the MC announced the list of 17 participants who will take part in the second day session of the seminar.

The seminar of the group-2 on national defence and security sector was held at the mess (See page 7)



MWVO COC member U Aung Thaug speaking at the coordination meeting.— MNA



U Aung Thaug.
MNA

In this regard, the Government has laid down four-point people desire to guard against the threat and interference of some big countries and distractions of national traitors. At present, the Government has laid down the seven-point Road Map and is striving to transform the country into a discipline-flourishing democratic nation step by step.

The State Peace and Development Council reorganized Myanmar War Veterans Organization with 35 Central Organizing Committee members on 21 October 1998 under Order No 4/98. Similarly, duties were assigned to the COC members to reorganize State and Division WVO Supervisory Committees. They could reform State/Division, District and Township WVO Supervisory Committees systematically.

After that, the MWVO Conference 2001 was held from 1 to 5 June 2001 successfully and the conference adopted seven future tasks. WVOs at dif-



The coordination meeting for MWVO Conference 2005 in progress at Myanmar Convention Centre.— MNA

ferent levels accepted the guidance of Patron of MWVO Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe as work guideline and is carrying out five tasks as national political affairs, State defence and security affairs, economic affairs, social and welfare and public welfare and seven future tasks adopted by the 2001 conference as well.

nary conferences, participants submitted reports on implementation of the five tasks, made discussions and decisions, sought approvals and put on records systematically.

In the Conference, the delegates are to participate in the discussions for achieving more successes in performing the tasks of MWVO. In this regard, the participants are to submit progress of respective States and Divisions, and to give suggestions with positive attitude

for improvement of the Organization.

Next, Secretary of the Organizing Committee for the Conference U Aung Thaug explained matters related to the conference 2005.

Later, State and Division delegates were organized into the groups to discuss seminars on national political sector, on State defence and security sector, on economic sector, on social and welfare sector and on public welfare sector.— MNA

Coord Meeting for...

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Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and Maj-Gen Saw Tun, COC members and delegates of States and Divisions signed in the register book.

The MC announced the start of the meeting with attendance of 416 delegates or 98.34 per cent out of 423, according to the permission of the meeting chairman.

Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) delivered an address, saying that the State Peace and Development Council, the Tatmadaw

Government, is making all-out efforts for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. In doing so, the Government has laid down Our Three Main National Causes as national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — and has adopted and is implementing 12 objectives all-round development in political, economic and social sectors of the State.



Delegates to MWVO Conference sign in the register book.— MNA

For successfully holding the MWVO Conference 2005, preliminary conferences of State and Division WVO Supervisory Committees have been completed from 22 April to 5 June 2005. The COC members attended to supervise the preliminary conferences in their respective organizational regions. Before the preliminary conferences, billboards hailing the conference were put up on a grand scale in States and Divisions. In all prelimi-



MC WO-II May Thet Paing and Co-MC WO-II Sanda Soe Win.— MNA



Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers a speech at seminar on social and welfare sector of the group-4. —MNA



Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint delivers a speech at seminar on national political sector of the group-1. — MNA



Col Maung Pa delivers a speech at seminar on public welfare sector of the group-5. — MNA

Noble Determination Red As Ever

* With love for nation and people
Forsake relatives, lover
'Cause of strong love for life of militaryman
Fresh and vibrant, that stride in life
Have marched on dutifully

* 'mid smell of cartridge, gun smoke
Enemy's bastion, layers of them
Penetrated and destroyed, with might
Bombs and cannon, sounds of explosions
As if they were music, took them to heart
Found joy in battle and battleground

* When victorious, we're happy
When we're successful, we're glad
Sometimes, when men on our side
Fall, and we see their plight
The heart is hurt, tears tumble
We can't take it, we seek out the enemy
We crush them, with much bravery
We love the life of a soldier

* Whatever it is, we, all of us
Set aside our lives, for our nation
We love it and repay what we owe
Ever dutiful, we've been
When we take rest, retire
Noble determination, is red as ever
We love our nation and people
If it is national cause
Unhesitatingly, we will rejoin
"I'm not too old yet," we'll yell
Red stamina, arms outstretched
We will do our duty to the nation.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)
Hailing the Myanmar War Veterans Conference-2005

Preliminary seminars on...

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hall-B. Member of MWVO Central Organizing Committee Col Tin Yi (Retd) presided over the seminar together with members Col Zaw Tun (Retd), and Chin State WVO COC Chairman Lt-Col Ohn Myint acted as MC. Col Tin Yi (Retd) delivered an opening speech. Next, the MC announced the list of 17 participants who will take part in the second day session of the seminar.

The group-3 held its seminar on economic sector at the mess hall-C. Vice-Chairman of MWVO Central Organizing Committee Maj-Gen Saw Tun presided over the seminar together with members U Aung Thauang and Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein. Capt Kyaw Bala (Retd) of Sagaing Division WVO Supervisory Committee acted as MC and Capt Than Htut

Aung of Kayin State WVO SC as co-MC. Vice-Chairman of MWVO COC Lt-Gen Kyi Min (Retd) attended the seminar as an observer. U Aung Thauang delivered an opening speech. Next, the MC announced the list of 17 participants who will take part in the second day session of the seminar.

Similarly, the group-4 held its seminar on social and welfare sector at the hostel for officers. Vice-Chairman of MWVO Central Organizing Committee Maj-Gen Thein Swe presided over the seminar together with members Brig-Gen Win Sein and U Win Pe. Bago Division (West) Padaung Township WVO Organizing Committee Chairman Capt Myint Soe (Retd) acted as MC and Zigon Township WVO Organizing Committee Chairman Capt Thein



Col Tin Yi (Retd) delivers a speech at seminar on national defence and security sector of the group-2. — MNA

Naing (Retd) as co-MC. Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivered an opening speech. Next, the MC announced the list of 17 participants who will take part in the second day session of the seminar. Likewise, the group-5 held its seminar on public welfare sector at the hostel for officers on the ground floor. Member of MWVO Central Organizing Committee Col Maung Pa presided over the seminar together with members Brig-Gen Phone Zaw

Han and Brig-Gen Myo Myint. Mandalay Division NyaungU Township WVO Organizing Committee Chairman Capt Aung Myint (Retd) acted as MC and Meikhtila Township WVO Organizing Committee Chairman Capt Win Min Than (Retd) as co-MC. Col Maung Pa delivered an opening speech. The MC announced the list of 17 participants who will take part in the second day session of the seminar.



CASH DONATED: Mr Sakakibara Yoshiyasu from Japan donated K 200,000 to the trust fund of Hninzigon Home of the Aged on 26-6-2005 through Secretary of the Managing Board of the Home Maj-Gen Aung Than (Retd). — H

Considerable success achieved...

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Myanmar has taken the initiative in addressing the drug problem by launching the 15-Year Drug Elimination Plan since 1999 with three 5-year phases. The first 5-year phase of this plan ended in 2004 and we are now into the second 5-year phase.

The target activities for the first 5-year phase had been successfully achieved and the success can be attributed to the serious commitment of the Government, close monitoring and supervision. Furthermore, the active participation of the regional authorities, local leaders of the national races and the local



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends 19th destruction of seized narcotic drugs.— NLM

Myanmar will do her utmost to realize objectives of 15-Year Plan, progressing on with the main

been made to implement the second 5-year phase in the most effective way.

opium and 1400 kilos of heroin in 1997 to only 600 kilos of opium and 970 kilos of heroin in

2004 attesting to the reduction in the poppy cultivation and opium production activities.

Although poppy cultivation and opium production has been (See page 9)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets diplomats at 19th destruction ceremony of seized narcotic drugs.— MNA

people was also a crucial contributing factor.

The implementation of the 5 rural development tasks in 24 regions to improve the living standards of the national races of the border areas also contributed to the successful results.

I would like to assure you here that we

tasks such as elimination of drug production and drug abuse, prevention, law enforcement and garnering the active participation of the community and also cooperating with the international community. Learning from the success and challenges encountered during the first phase, plans have

In this regard, a pilot project which aims to support the poppy farmers in cultivation of alternative cash crops, the New Destiny Project has been launched since April 2002.

The amount of opium and heroin that has been seized has reduced from 7800 kilos of

The Opium Yield Survey conducted annually in collaboration with the US has also shown a potential production of 292 tons in 2004, a drastic decline of 88% if compared to 1996 levels. Cultivation also declined 81 % for the same period.



Diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon attending 19th destruction ceremony of seized narcotic drugs.— NLM



Diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon pour down Phensedyl syrup at 19th destruction ceremony of seized narcotic drugs.— NLM

Considerable success achieved...

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reduced in Myanmar, the danger of amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) has emerged as a new drug threat. The first sei-

were made by 2005 for a total of 1,315 kilos. In addition to 'Ice', another form of stimulant 'Ecstasy', which is popularly known as 'head-shaking these chemicals from being diverted to illicit channels. However, traffickers are using various methods to smuggle them to the clandestine refineries and laboratories along the common bor-

The amount of opium and heroin that has been seized was reduced from 7,800 kilos of opium and 1,400 kilos of heroin in 1997 to only 600 kilos of opium and 970 kilos of heroin in 2004 attesting to the reduction in the poppy cultivation and opium production activities.

We are fully aware of and accept the fact that Myanmar alone cannot be successful in the fight against drugs but needs cooperation with neighbouring countries. Subsequently, we have established bilateral, trilateral and multilateral cooperation with neighbouring countries of the sub-region as well as beyond the region.

With a view to enhancing cooperation with neighbouring countries and also with inter-



MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi.—NLM



Packets of heroin seen at 19th destruction ceremony of seized narcotic drugs.—MNA



Packets of Ephedrine seen at the destruction ceremony of seized narcotic drugs.—MNA

zure of ATS occurred in 1996 in Myanmar and an increasing trend in the seizure amount is noticed. To cite some figures, 2001 was a record setting year for seizure of

'pills', was also seized since 2001. Altogether 4 seizures were made by 2005 amounting to a total of 355 tablets.

Regarding the seizure of precursor chemi-

cal areas of Myanmar. I would like to stress here that we are taking urgent measures with our neighbouring countries for the control of these chemicals.

national law enforcement agencies, with assistance from the UNODC Cross Border Cooperation Project, Border Liaison Offices along the Myanmar-China border

areas have been established in Lweje in Kachin State and Chinshwehaw in Northern Shan State. Similarly, Border Liaison Offices for the Myanmar-Thai border area cooperation have been opened in Myawady and Tachilek. A similar office for Myanmar-Laos cooperation has been set up in Tachilek also.

To increase cooperation with Thailand, preparations are underway to open Border Liaison offices in Kawthoung and also in Wampon and Wamkyin in Tachilek District for cooperation with Laos.

In cooperation with China, since 2001 Myanmar has handed over 35 culprits to

China. In April this year, China also handed over two culprits to Myanmar. Similarly, Myanmar has handed over two culprits to Thailand and Thailand also handed over one culprit to Myanmar in January 2005.

I would like to make some comments at this juncture, the collaborative efforts of Myanmar with the international law enforcement agencies. In the early weeks of July 2004, 847 blocks of heroin weighing 592.52 kilos was seized in Hnitkayin Village, Ye Township, Mon State, which was destined to be shipped to international waters.

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Packets of heroin seen on the dais for incineration.—MNA

ATS; in that year more than 32 million of ATS tablets were seized. In terms of the proportion of townships where ATS seizures were recorded, ATS seizures were made in 100 townships out of the 383 townships in the whole of Myanmar representing over 26.1 % of the townships in Myanmar.

In addition, crystal form of amphetamine, known as 'Ice', was first seized in 2001.

Altogether 7 occasions of 'Ice' seizures

cals used in the manufacture of stimulant tablets, more than 39,000 litres were seized in 2003 and 17,000 litres were seized in 2004.

I would like to point out that Myanmar does not produce precursor chemicals like, ephedrine, caffeine and other chemicals, but they are smuggled in from neighbouring countries.

We are aware that the neighbouring countries are also seriously taking preventive measures to control and stop



Packets of stimulant, Ephedrine and narcotic drugs.—MNA

Utilizing own wealth and resources, Myanmar, stepping up all its efforts to eradicate drug abuse and related problems as part of national cause

Prizes presented to winners in competitions to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

YANGON, 26 June — A ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking organized by Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control was held at Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of

of AHRN (Myanmar), departmental heads, representatives of social organizations, members of the Organizing Committee for IDADAIT, journalists and guests.

CCDAC Chairman Minister Maj-Gen Maung

people so that they will clearly realize and avoid it. These zealous public campaigns are being undertaken not only in Yangon but also throughout the States and Divisions of the whole country for the past eighteen

years' interest. We need to ensure that the new generation who will inherit this responsibility in the future are young, healthy and void of drugs. Only then a meaningful and valuable future can be assured.

occasion, I would like to take the opportunity to present a brief overview of Myanmar's efforts to eradicate narcotic drugs. We all are aware that successive Governments, to combat this menace, have promulgated laws and

vation and heroin production as reported by the Illicit Crop Monitoring Programme of the UNODC. The report clearly states that there is a 73% decline between 1996 and 2004.

Measures to eradicate illicit poppy cultivation



Chairman of CCDAC Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo makes an address at the ceremony to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

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Kyundaw and Hanthawady Roads in Kamayut Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Vice-Chairman Min-

Oo, in his address, said that today, we are commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The problem of narcotic drugs is not something that only a nation or a race had to deal with. It

years. Today, nations around the world will also be commemorating this International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The theme for this year's International Day against Drug Abuse and

All of us are fully aware of the negative consequences of drugs, particularly the use of heroin through injection habits.

This has led to transmission of dreadful HIV/AIDS infection that is taking the lives of young peo-

regulations appropriate to the prevailing situations throughout modern times.

Myanmar is amongst the group of countries that requires to combat the menace of narcotic drugs. Strategies and tactics adopted through a 15-

and production of drugs, undertaken as part of our national cause, surely complement the goals and objectives laid down by the United Nations.

It can also be constructed as Myanmar's adherence to the resolu-



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo accepts cash donation of Mr Jean Luc Lemahieu of UNODC. —NLM



Minister U Nyan Win presents a certificate of honour to a first prize winner. — NLM



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presents a certificate of honour to a first prize winner. —NLM

ister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, deputy ministers, the Deputy Attorney-General, CCDAC Secretary Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi and members, the Resident Representative of UNODC, the coordinator

is a crisis confronting the entire human race. Consequently, on this occa-

Illicit Trafficking is "Value yourself —make healthy choices". This is

ple mercilessly today. We have also seen disabled youths with psychotic disorders emanating from the use of amphetamine type substances.

Using drugs is never rewarding and part of our strategies to control and prevent the use of it is to enhance public awareness.

In these campaigns, we have included exhibitions and competitions for literary work, music, paintings, cartoons and posters that have proved to be the most effective to amass public attention.

We are now in the eighth year of undertaking such nationwide campaigns extensively.

On this auspicious

Year Drugs Eradication Plan and through the New

tions and framework laid down by the UN. The



Brig-Gen Aung Thein presents a certificate of honour to a first prize winner. — NLM

Destiny Project were implemented in full vigor to eradicate illicit poppy cultivation, opium and heroin production, drug trafficking and abuse of it.

This resulted in a decline in both poppy culti-

United States Government Drug Strategy Report for 2005 stated that there is a 34% decline in poppy cultivation, the decline is from 2,560 tons eight years ago to 292 tons (See page 11)

Brig-Gen Khin Yi presents a certificate of honour to a winner.

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UNODC Resident Representative Mr Jean Luc Lemahieu. — MNA

sion every year, we have been emphasizing the problem of drugs and its dire consequences to the

a signal to all those who are gathered here, including myself who are presently serving our coun-

Utilizing own wealth ...

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this year resulting in 88% decline. From this report, it is apparent that Myanmar's quest to combat narcotic drugs is a success.

Myanmar's quest to combat narcotic drugs is not only a unilateral effort. We have signed MoUs with neighbouring countries within the region and sub-region for commissioning combined efforts.

As part of our endeavours to eradicate illicit drug production, Myanmar is cooperating with both China and Thailand to promote the living standards of ethnic

lation and students on the menace of narcotic drugs. They are being undertaken nationwide through specially established programmes.

In the same context, the Government is also taking measures to reduce transmission of HIV through injecting drug use. This is done in cooperation with UN agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). There is also a need to advocate students and youth to be patriotic, love its own nation and people, appreciate our own literature, music and culture, realize the grim consequences of drug

“Value yourself — make healthy choices”, we need to guarantee that the new generation of young people in our midst are happy, healthy and are void of drugs.

In conclusion, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all the distinguished guests present on this occasion a success. We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all artistes, colleagues and participants who have extended support to hold competitions for best literary work, music, paintings, cartoons and posters and for participating therein.

UNODC Resident Representative Mr Jean-



Mr Jean Luc Lemahieu of UNODC presents a certificate to a winner. —MNA



Mr Willy De Maere of ARHN presents a certificate to a winner. —MNA

groups residing along border areas and to develop these areas. Through the Sub-Regional Action Plan, we are also joining hands with all six MoU countries to strive for the emergence of drug free zone within this Sub-Region.

On prevention and control front, members of the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, Customs Department and Anti-Narcotics Task Forces are stepping up enforcement measures. Drugs confiscated through these joint efforts are being burnt and destroyed —for the nineteenth time —in the presence of all our distinguished guests this morning.

Activities such as supply reduction and enforcement measures alone will not lead to total disappearance of drugs. Reducing demand is also an important factor with public cooperation playing a major role in this equation. Therefore, as part of demand reduction campaigns, we have been initiating treatment and rehabilitation programmes together with educational campaigns for both the general popu-

abuse and, the need to abstain from it. To complement this need, we are holding competitions for best literary work, music, paintings, cartoons and posters as part of our campaigns to provoke understanding on the danger of drugs.

The organizational skills and influence of various artistes who had served as judges is an encouragement to both professionals and amateurs, students as well as members of different sectors of the community to participate increasingly in these competitions year by year.

Consequently, I would like to encourage the judges to step-up their organizational campaigns to increase the number of participants in competitions. The increase in the number of competitors is an indication of an increase in the number of people committed to combat the dire consequences of drug use. Utilizing our own wealth and resources, Myanmar, is stepping up all its efforts to eradicate drug abuse and related problems as part of our national cause. In line with this year's theme

Luc Lemahieu read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi A Annan.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo accepted K250,000 for prize presentation ceremony donated by UNODC Resident Representative Mr Jean-Luc Lemahieu; K300,000 by AHRN (Myanmar) Resident Co-



Director-General U Bo Win presents a prize to a winner. —MNA



Retired Ambassador U San Thein presents a prize to a winner. —MNA

ordinator Mr Willy Dr Maere; K300,000 by Chairman of Myanmar Border Regions Development Association Retired Ambassador U Maung Maung Soe Tint; and K100,000 by JBB Co Ltd of Japan through U Yan Naing Thein.

CCDAC Vice-Chairman Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win presented first, second and third prizes in the short story contest to the winners.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint gave first, second and third prizes to the winners in the article contest.

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein awarded first, second and third prizes to the winners in the poem contest; Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, the winners in the song contest; and Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, the winners in the under-10 age painting contest respectively.

MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi also presented first,

second and third prizes to the winners in the 10-15 age painting contest; Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department, the winners in the 15-20 age painting contest; Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of Special Investigation, the winners in the above-20 age painting contest; Director-General U Than Swe of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department, the winners in the under-10 age cartoon contest; Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department, the winners in the 10-15 age cartoon contest; Chairman of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association Retired Ambassador U San Thein, the winners in the 15-20 age cartoon contest; Chairman of Myanmar Border Areas Development Association Retired Ambassador U Maung Maung Soe Tint, the winners in the above-20 age cartoon contest; and Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, the winners in

the under-10 age poster contest.

Police Chief of Staff Police Brig-Gen Win Myaing, Commander of Special Investigation Department of MPF Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Police Quartermaster-General Police Brig-Gen Win Soe, Police Battalions Control Commander Police Brig-Gen Than Han, CCDAC Joint-Secretary Police Col Kham Aung, UNODC Resident Representative Mr Jean-Luc Lemahieu, AHRN (Myanmar) Coordinator Mr Willy De Maere awarded prizes to the winners in the 10-15 age group poster contest, the 15-20 age poster contest, the above-20 age poster contest, the computer poster contest, the computer art contest (middle school level), the computer art contest (high school level), and the photo contest.

Later, MPF Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi presented gifts to members of the entries scrutinizing committees for respective contests.

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Press Conference on Narcotic Drug Elimination Endeavours of CCDAC held

YANGON, 26 June — Press conference on Narcotic Drug Elimination Endeavours of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control took place at the Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Kyundaw Road and Hanthawaddy Road in Kamayut Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Secretary of CCDAC Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, officials from MPF, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise,

officials from various Ministries, journalists and others.

Joint-Secretary of CCDAC Police Col Kham Aung clarified matters on ceremonies of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and 19th Destruction of Seized Narcotic Drug.

Police Col Kham Aung and departmental officials replied to the queries raised by the journalists and the ceremony ended at 11 am.

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Police Col Kham Aung clarifies on drug elimination endeavours of CCDAC at the press conference. —MNA

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In fond and ever-loving memory of **Tommy (U Maung Maung Than)** who left his loved ones one month ago today.

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Into the glory of the morning light.
But, love still abides."

Sadly missed by Su Su Sein

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NATO, Russia hold talks on fight against drug, terrorism in C Asia

Moscow, 25 June — Russian and NATO leaders put under scrutiny the prospects of jointly fighting terrorism and drug trafficking in Central Asia on Friday during NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer's visit to Moscow.

In a meeting with the NATO chief in the Kremlin, President Vladimir Putin gave an upbeat assessment of Russian-NATO cooperation, saying the two sides "have passed from general declarations to specific projects," the *Interfax* news agency reported.

"If Russia and NATO in the near future work out and enforce a pilot project to train experts in combating drugs in Afghanistan and, say, Central Asia, that would make a fair contribution to solving one of the most serious and complicated problems of today," Putin told de Hoop Scheffer.

De Hoop Scheffer called Putin's proposal "a very important project", saying drug trafficking is a "very destabilizing factor in Afghanistan and also in Central Asia."

Drug trafficking has been rampant in Afghanistan since a US-led war ousted the Taleban regime in 2001.

Putin's proposal came a day after he voiced worries about the growing drug trade and continuing function of terrorist

training camps in Afghanistan. Afghanistan remains a source of growing drug exports, Putin said Thursday after a summit meeting of a regional security bloc that unites some former Soviet republics.

"We're concerned about the continuing presence of terrorist training camps in Afghanistan, as well as some secret services' involvement in them," Putin said.

Speaking after a meeting with de Hoop Scheffer Friday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Russia has information about the periodical transfer of terrorists trained in Afghanistan

and neighbouring Pakistan to the Ferghana Valley in Central Asia.

"People are being trained in Afghanistan and neighbouring Pakistan with the help of Taleban for acts of terrorism that target Russia," Lavrov said. "Periodically these people are transferred to the Ferghana Valley."

"We are ready to work on this with NATO in the framework of our joint plan for fighting international terrorism," Lavrov said. De Hoop Scheffer said it is "vital" to jointly combat terrorism, which, among others, is a priority in Russia-NATO co-operation.—*MNA/Xinhua*

W Balkan countries draft joint strategy on poverty

TIRANA, 25 June — The Western Balkans approved a final document on the regional issues of poverty and social development on Friday in Tirana, closing a two-day forum, the *Albanian Telegraph Agency* reported.

The document, which was approved at the end of the regional forum on the social inclusion and the millennium goals of the United Nations (UN), is related to the status, tendencies and solution of the issues of poverty and social inclusion in the region.

In the forum, the officials from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, Macedonia and Croatia confirmed their joint objectives for the region including the economic growth in favour of the poor, protection of minorities, achievement of the millennium development goals, as well as the prospect of their accession to the European Union.

The attendants agreed that the provision of the possibilities for employment, reduction of informal economy, increase of products and services, as well as the strengthening of systems for the social protection marked several of the measures that were most important for the protection of people from poverty.

The representatives of the UN and the European Commission also attended the forum.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam intensifies renewable energy use

HANOI, 25 June — Vietnam is using more renewable energy resources, such as solar and wind, to meet its increasing demand for electricity.

Vietnam has targeted to raise the proportion of renewable energy in its total power generation to 10 per cent in 2010 from the current below 3 per cent, the state-owned Electricity of Vietnam (EVN), the country's biggest electricity producer, told *Xinhua* on Friday.

Vietnam plans to increase its combined electricity capacity of biomass, geo-thermal, wind and solar energy stations as well as small hydropower generators to around 1,500 megawatts in the next five years from current 200 megawatts, the EVN said.

The country will cooperate with some foreign agencies from such countries as Germany, Japan and Switzerland, to build wind and solar power stations in the central regions.

Vietnam plans to build 300,000 bio-gas tanks in rural areas nationwide by 2010 to create gas for daily use or small trade. It will also construct more small hydroelectric plants in rural and mountainous areas, the EVN said, noting that the country currently houses over 100,000 small hydroelectric stations in operation, and 400 others under construction with combined capacity of 30 megawatts.

With the local energy demand estimated at 93-100 billion kilowatt hours in 2010, 200-230 billion kilowatt per hour in 2020 and 625-766 billion kilowatt per hour in 2050, Vietnam, which currently sells electricity to Laos and Cambodia, is expected to become an energy importer in 2013.

In addition to electricity import, Vietnam will intensify exploitation of coal, oil, gas and rivers to build more thermal and hydropower plants, to further tap alternative energy sources, including wind, solar and nuclear power, and increase its efficiency of energy use, especially by industry and transport, and residents, the Industry Ministry has said recently. — *MNA/Xinhua*

UN to hold ministerial meeting on financing for development

UNITED NATIONS, 25 June — The UN General Assembly will hold a ministerial meeting on Monday and Tuesday to discuss ways of financing for development and call for international action on aid, trade and debt relief.

The meeting will offer an opportunity for governments to consolidate or add to the development package that is being assembled internationally in support of the Millennium Development Goals, said a UN Press release on Friday.

The meeting is a follow-up to the historic development summit that took

place in Monterrey, Mexico, in 2002.

It takes place as the General Assembly proceeds with negotiation of the outcome document for the 2005 World Summit in September, and in the immediate run-up to the Group of 8 (G-8) meeting, where development finances head the agenda. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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China in strong opposition to EU's restriction to import Chinese shoes

BEIJING, 25 June — China strongly opposes to the launch of anti-dumping investigation by the European Union to imported Chinese shoes, which lacks practical and legal basis, Chong Quan, spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce, said here on Friday.

"China also prompts the EU to make prudent decisions so as to avoid from trade friction," Chong said.

The delegation of the European Commission has recently reported to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce that the EU plans to launch a probe into certain kinds of imported shoes from China at the end of June, Chong said. The Chinese Government is highly concerned with it.

The Chinese side holds that the EU has removed the control on the quotas for imported Chinese shoes on January 1 this year, but only several months later the EU launches an anti-dump-

ing investigation into Chinese shoes based on inaccurate statistics, intending to take a new round of restriction. This is against the free trade principle, he added.

Chong said China has also noticed that there exist serious errors with the EU's data concerning six categories of imported Chinese shoes from January to April this year, including leather shoes and sleepers, and reality in actual trade was distorted, thus misleading the public and the relevant business circles in the EU.

The quantities of imported Chinese shoes rose 581 per cent and its total value 433 per cent

from January to April, according to the EU statistics, and the price of each unit lowered by 28 per cent, but the relevant Chinese Customs figures, nevertheless, showed that the quantity, value and price for each unit of the above shoes was down 22.8 per cent, 59.5 per cent, and 30 per cent respectively.

China has lodged a representation with the EU on serious errors related to the methods of sampling and statistics calculations, and it asks the EU side to check the data accurately, and publicizes the true situation with China's shoe exports.

MNA/Xinhua

Annan criticizes US House proposal to cut UN contribution

UNITED NATIONS, 25 June — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Friday again criticized a proposal introduced into the US House of Representatives by Henry Hyde which would threaten "a draconian and unilateral cut" in the US contribution to the world body's budget to force reform.

"I believe that approach is profoundly mistaken and would, if adopted by the US Government as a whole, prove disastrously counterproductive," Annan wrote in an opinion piece in *The Wall Street Journal*.

"It would break the reformist coalition between the US and other member-states whose collective pressure could otherwise make these reforms happen," he added. "Fortunately, the Hyde withholding proposal is not

backed by the administration."

The UN is an association of sovereign states and the way to make changes or reforms is to negotiate agreement with other member-states, Annan said, noting that he had proposed a reform package covering development, security, and the rule of law in a report he released earlier this year.

"Decisions can be taken this September, when political leaders from all over the world

meet at UN headquarters for the 2005 world summit," he wrote. "Over 170 have said they will come, and President Bush is expected to be among them."

"The stakes for the US, and for the world, could hardly be higher. The opportunity to forge a common response to common threats may not soon recur. It is in that context, and for that reason, that a reformed and strengthened UN is so badly needed," he concluded. — MNA/Xinhua

Study shows advantages of hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles

LOS ANGELES, 25 June — Switching to vehicles powered by hydrogen fuel cells instead of fossil fuels will provide significant health and environment benefits, save life and money, according to a new study released on Thursday.

Mark Jacobson, an associate professor at Stanford University, said that converting all onroad vehicles in the United States to hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles (HFCVs) may improve air quality, health and climate significantly. Jacobson and colleagues' paper is published in the 24 June issue of journal *Science*.

Most benefits would result from eliminating current vehicle exhaust. Wind and natural gas HFCVs offer the greatest potential health benefits and could save 3,700 to 6,400 lives in the United States annually. And among all HFCV types, the wind HFCVs, which means the hydrogen is pro-

duced through wind electrolysis, should benefit climate most, the researchers found.

Earlier studies have modelled the effects of hydrogen leakage or reduced emission on global tropospheric and stratospheric chemistry, but no research has examined the effect on urban pollution or health of establishing a hydrogen economy. Furthermore, no study has examined the likely effects of this switch on aerosol particles, which have a large impact on climate and are the deadliest components of air pollution.

But in this new research, the Stanford group used a computing model

to examine the possible effects on ambient gas, particle concentrations, and estimated health and climate costs if replacing all US fossil-fuel onroad vehicles with HFCVs.

They compared the benefits of producing hydrogen by steam reforming of natural gas, wind-electrolysis and coal gasification, and found most of HFCVs' benefits arose from eliminating current vehicle exhaust. An all-HFCV fleet would hardly affect tropospheric water vapour concentrations, the researchers said. Conversion to coal HFCVs may improve health but would damage climate more than fossil/electric hybrids. — MNA/Xinhua



Children and residents of Akkaraipettai look at a sand sculpture of a mermaid, made on Friday by young students from a nearby town, on the seashore at Nagappattinam, India, on 25 June, 2005.—INTERNET

CSTO leaders discuss defence, security cooperation at Moscow summit

MOSCOW, 25 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday leaders attending the summit meeting of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) reached agreements on building up defence structures and security cooperation within the bloc's framework.

Speaking at a Press conference following the summit, Putin said some of the agreements signed at the summit concerned "a unified air defence system and improvements in the CSTO Rapid Deployment Forces in Central Asia," the *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported.

The leaders decided to create an interstate commission on military-economic cooperation, which "will give an impetus to closer interaction between

CSTO defence industrial complexes", Putin said.

Putin also said CSTO forces could be used in peacekeeping operations.

The CSTO comprises Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Armenia. Putin said leaders also discussed developments in the CSTO and adjoining areas, in particular Central Asia and Afghanistan.

"We're concerned about the continuing presence of terrorist training

camp in Afghanistan, as well as some secret services' involvement in them," Putin said, adding Afghanistan is also a source of growing drugs exports.

While Putin acknowledged the international community's measures to restore stability and fight terrorism and drugs trafficking in war-torn Afghanistan, he said these efforts are still a far cry from what is needed.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists walk along Patong Beach on 25 June, 2005, in Patong, Thailand.

INTERNET

S P O R T S

Nigeria, Argentina qualify for semis of FIFA Youth C'ships

ENSCHEDÉ, 26 June—An inspired, physical and talented Nigeria defeat the hosts after an absolute marathon penalty shootout (final score: 10-9), while an unstoppable Argentina eliminated European champions Spain 3-1 to book two berths in the semi-finals of the FIFA World Youth Championship Netherlands 2005 on Saturday.

The hosts were hit with an impossibly early punch before the capacity crowd of the Parkstad Limburg Stadium even had a chance to settle into their seats. Roaring up the right from the kick-off, Solomon Okoronkwo crossed low for Promise Isaac who rounded the keeper.

Dutch captain Hedwiges Maduro slid in to tackle away, but could only knock the ball off the post where John Owoeri turned up like a ghost to poke the ricochet into the

open goal and hand Holland their first deficit at these finals with only seconds gone.

With the Nigerians owning the edge on pressure and power, the traditional Dutch panache seemed to be fraying around the edges. Maduro — so cool and collected in the previous matches — was having a terrible time controlling a high-pressure midfield. Winger Quincy Owusu Abeyie was getting no joy out of the Nigerians either. Fa-

miliar enough with tricky tactics and flicked manoeuvres, the Nigerians shielded him from the danger areas with ease.

The hosts should have gone in two goals down, as Isaac slotted through a delicate diagonal ball for Hertha's Berlin's Okoronkwo on the doorstep. But Vermeer was equal to the task as the hulking striker kicked himself for wasting an odds-on goal.

Dutch heads were up shortly after the break, however, as Owusu Abeyie's pinpoint cross from the right picked out Vlaar, who glanced his header inside the far post to equalize.

Piling on the pressure, it seemed only a matter of time before Nigeria took the lead. But unable to supply the killer blow, a late Dutch frenzy nearly saw Vlaar and substitute Gianni Zuiverloon supply the winner.

MNA/Xinhua



Germany's Thorsten Schoen and his team mate Marvin Polte (R) celebrate winning the quarter final match against Cuba at the beach volleyball world championship in Berlin, on 25 June, 2005. Germany won the match 2-0.—INTERNET

Park proud of playing for Man United

SEOUL, 26 June—South Korea midfielder Park Ji-sung said on Saturday that he would become a better player by playing in English Premier League club Manchester United.

The 24-year-old signed this week to move from PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands to Manchester United on a four-year deal, becoming the first South Korean to play in the Premier League.

On returning from a medical in Britain, he told

reporters at Incheon airport that he was proud to join the Red Devils.

"Personally I'm very proud of myself. I feel sorry and very grateful to (PSV Eindhoven) coach Hiddink, but I think I can return his favour by becoming a better player in

Manchester", said Park.

Park and South Korea team mate Lee Young-pyo were signed by Hiddink who coached the South Korean team during the 2002 World Cup.

Park played a key role in co-hosts South Korea's run to the semi-finals, scoring one of the goals of the tournament to knock out Portugal.

Park continued his progress in PSV which won the Dutch title and reached the Champions League semi-finals last season.

Although he felt proud of joining Manchester United, Park said that South Korea's success in the 2002 World Cup is still the peak of his career.

"The joy that I felt during last World Cup finals could not be matched by anything else."

MNA/Xinhua

Adriano leads Brazil past Germany in Confederations Cup

NUREMBERG (Germany), 26 June—Adriano rose to the occasion to score twice, leading Brazil past Germany 3-2 in the semifinals of the 2005 Confederations Cup on Saturday.

Adriano opened the scoring with a deflected free-kick at the 21st minute. But only two minutes later, Lukas Podolski's header levelled the scoring for Germany.

Brazil again took the lead at the 43rd minute thanks to a penalty shot by Ronaldinho. But the host team fought back as Michael Ballack made no mistake from the spot in injury time of first half.

Adriano settled the win with a powerful low drive to beat German goalkeeper Jens Lehmann with 14 minutes remaining.

It was the first time the two teams met in an official competition since the 2002 World Cup finals which Brazil won 2-0.

In the early stage of the first half, Germany took a slight advantage in ball possession. But it was the Brazilian team who were celebrating the first goal at the 21st minutes. Adriano's free-kick from 30 meters away took a deflection off Sebastian Weisler, leaving Lehmann wrong-footed.

The hosts fought back immediately as Podolski header home a Fabian Ernst's cross to level the score. The goals brought the game to life and the Brazilian team took the initiative. They created several chances, forcing Lehmann to put up superb saves.



Germany's Kevin Kuranyi, left, and Brazil's Roque Junior battle for the ball during the Confederations Cup semi final between Germany and Brazil in Nuremberg, Germany, on 25 June, 2005. Brazil won the match 3-2.—INTERNET

Adriano also contributed to the second goal for Brazil. He fell in the box as he and German defender Robert Huth tussled for the ball. Referee Carlos Chandia whistled for a penalty and Ronaldinho made no mistake from the spot with two minutes left in the first half.

The host team still had time to find their second goal in the first half. Huth and Ballack both went down under challenges from Roque Junior and Emerson and Chandia awarded the second penalty kick of the game.

Ballack kept his nerve to beat Brazilian goalkeeper Dida with a well-taken effort.

The German team again dominated possession and had several chances. But the Brazilians scored the

decisive goal. Adriano fought off Huth's challenge to send a cross-shot home.

German coach sent on Mike Hanke to switched to a three men front line in the last minutes. But the Brazilian protected their advantage well till the final whistle.

Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said he was very happy with his team's performance: "It was fantastic playing Germany here in the semifinals. Germany gave everything in an effort to beat Brazil here at home. It was an extremely tight game."

"Germany were physically stronger, but Brazil were dangerous in attack with Robinho and Adriano. We're delighted to be through to the final," Parreira said.

MNA/Xinhua

Greek striker supports coach

NUREMBERG, 25 June—Greek star striker Charisteas said he still believed in coach Otto Rehhagel despite Greek team's dismal performances at the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup. Greece lost to Brazil and Japan and then played to a goalless draw with Mexico to finish bottom at Group B. They are also the only team without a goal throughout the tournament.

But the 25-year-old Charisteas remained loyal to his coach and said he could not imagine Greece without Otto.

Charisteas explained why his teams had the disappointing performance at the Confederations Cup: "We are facing a tough period and we haven't been able to show our traditional aggressiveness. Before the Confederations Cup we had two very difficult World Cup qualifying matches, against Turkey and Ukraine, and we didn't come in the best shape to Germany." "In our first match here we had to play Brazil, which always mean a huge challenge. We lost 3-0 and then against Japan we performed poorly again," Charisteas said.—MNA/Xinhua

Maradona confirms hiring of Basile as new coach of Boca Juniors

BUENOS AIRES, 26 June—Former Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona said Saturday Alfio Basile "talked to Boca and all is ready" for his coaching the club.

Maradona said Basile will start with pre-season work on 30 June.

Basile, 62, will replace Jorge Benitez, who resigned after a scandalous elimination from Libertadores Cup, by Mexico's Guadalajara Chivas in the quarterfinals.

The entry of Basile was imminent, but the remarks of the former captain of Argentina ratified the versions, although on Tuesday the Directive Commission of the club will make the definitive confirmation.

Basile coached Santa Fe Colon until December last year, and in Argentina he has also coached Racing Club, San Lorenzo, Velez Sarsfield, Chacarita Juniors, Rosario Central, Huracan, Instituto, Talleres and Cordoba Racing.

Abroad, he coached Atletico Madrid (Spain), Nacional (Uruguay) and America (Mexico). —MNA/Xinhua

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Considerable success achieved...

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In 2005 January, 178 kilos of Ice that were concealed inside sculptured wooden poles were seized in Shwe Pyi Thar Township, Yangon Division. In May 2005, 102 kilos of Ice were also seized in Mayangon Township, Yangon Division. Collaborative efforts with international law enforcement agencies are under way to be able to arrest the drug traffickers who were involved in these cases.

Similarly, we also enjoyed good cooperation with western neighbour, India. We have been meeting at both senior and field official levels to find ways and means to control and prevent drugs and precursor chemicals being trafficked across our common borders. This coop-

eration has resulted in the drastic decline in the seizure of drugs and precursor chemicals in recent years.

I would also like to add that the outstanding efforts of neighbouring Thailand on their War on Drugs has affected the sub-region and has also contributed to our efforts for drug eradication.

I would like to reiterate the fact that although Myanmar has not received any substantial international support in the fight against drugs, we have been following the guidance, strategies and tactics laid down by our national leaders and are using our utmost efforts.

In conclusion, at this 19th occasion, we are going to burn and destroy the following drugs seized in Yangon by our law en-

forcement agencies: 625.029 kilos of opium, 759.201 kilos of heroin, 139.997 kilos of marijuana, 3,029,000 tablets of ATS tablets, 14.763 kilos of ATS powder, 93.316 kilos of Ephedrine powder, 179.646 kilos of Ice and 310,285 tablets of Diazepam tablets.

Furthermore, I would like to mention that the drugs to be destroyed today have a street value of more than 328 million US \$. The total value of drugs destroyed since the 1st occasion up till now has now reached more than 14,661 million US \$.

Before we proceed with the burning and destruction of the drugs, may I cordially invite you to conduct tests to personally confirm the authenticity of the drugs.

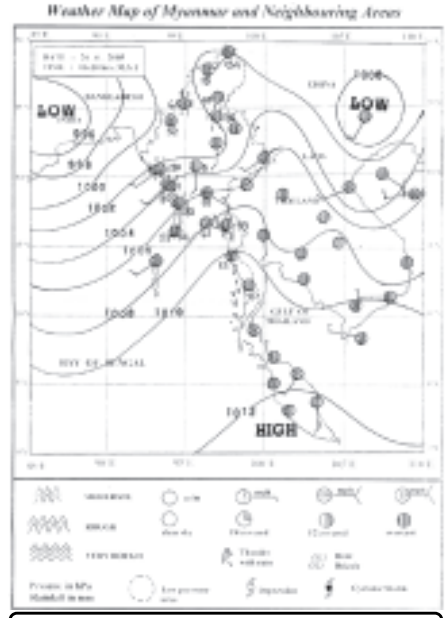
Afterwards, the dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps

and officials concerned destroyed the cough syrup containing drug and tested the drugs to be incinerated.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jin Jun pressed a button to incinerate the drugs.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted the dignitaries and invited guests.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of CCDAC Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Vice Chairman Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, ministers and deputy ministers, senior military officers, Dean of the diplomatic corps Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, ambassadors and military attaches, Resident Representative of UNDP Mr Charles James Petrie, resident representatives, departmental officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, members of the Ministry of Information, foreign correspondents, invited guests and students. — MNA



WEATHER

Sunday, 26 June, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (9.96) inches, Ann (6.46) inches, Putao (6.06) inches, Katha (4.33) inches, Maungdaw (4.06) inches, Sittway (4.02) inches, Thaton (3.62) inches, Thandwe (3.46) inches, Myitkyina (3.35) inches, Kyaukpyu (3.23) inches, Yangon Mingaladon (3.19) inches and Kayan (3.15) inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-6-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 26-6-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-6-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 25-6-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 26-6-2005 were (3.19) inches at Yangon Airport, (2.40) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.95) inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (25.16 inches) at Yangon Airport, (22.05 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (19.88 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (20) mph from Southwest at (03:30) hours MST on 26-6-2005.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-6-2005: Rain will be isolated in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Rakhine States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is 100%.

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-6-2005:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is 100%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-6-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Asleep in Jesus

Daw Tin Tin Nwe` (Agnes Rivers Guha)
Aged 75

Daughter of Mr.B.Rivers and Daw Hla Tin; wife of Dr D.K.Guha (deceased); mother of Daw Mya Mya Mu (Sheila)-Mr R.E. Shaffer, Daw Than Than Mu (Monica)-Dr Thoun Nyunt Shwe, U Tin Htut (Sunno)-Daw Marlar Aung; grandmother of (3), fell asleep in Jesus on 25-6-2005 at 00:10 am at No 74, Room 5, Kyundaw Road, Sanchaung Township, Yangon.

Burial service will be held at 10 am on 27-6-2005, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Pyay Road, Myenigone and thence to Yayway Christian cemetery for entombment. May her soul rest in peace.

Bereaved family



Phensedyl syrup bottles seen before the incineration ceremony.— MNA

TV Myanmar

Monday, 27 June
Tune in today:

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် တရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်ဘယမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကန့်တော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မ အဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မစေတီက၊ ဝိသိင်္ဃက ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာနိဂါထာ၊ ဆရာတော် တက္ကသိုလ်ဆရာတော်ဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော်

7:15 am
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7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning news

7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
6. Song of national races

8:00 am
7. Cute little dancers

8:10 am
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am
9. ဆင်ဖြူရှင်တံတား

8:30 am
10. International news

8:45 am
11. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm
4. Musical programme

5:00 pm
5. အစားသင့်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ဂုဏ်မြှင့်တင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရုပ်ပေး)၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာ အထူးပြုများ (ရုပ်ပေး)

5:15 pm
6. Dance variety

5:30 pm
7. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:45 pm
8. Musical programme

6:00 pm
9. Song and dance of national races

6:05 pm
10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

6:15 pm
11. နောင်မကြီး(မြို့လှ) ရေလှောင်တံခါး (ပရီးတိုင်း)

6:25 pm
12. Discovery

6:30 pm
13. Evening news

7:00 pm
14. Weather report

7:05 pm
15. Musical programme

7:20 pm
16. Industrial achievement

7:35 pm
17. Musical programme

8:00 pm
18. News

8:05 pm
19. International news

8:10 pm
20. Weather report

8:15 pm
21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ဗောဓိသင်္ဂဟ"၏ ရုစိမ်းစဉ် (အပိုင်း-၂၉)

8:20 pm
22. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Monday, 27 June
Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: Tell me tell me baby

8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music:I see you
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music -Seeya
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Welcome to my world
-Your face
9:00 pm Indian Flute
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Drug Elimination
-The success of Myanmar's anti-narcotic drive
9:35 pm Golden Land's Melody/Vocal Gems
-Blessed Myanmar ---- Yuri
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Coord Meeting for Organizing MWVO Conference (2005) held

YANGON, 26 June — The coordination meeting for organizing the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference (2005) was held at Myanmar Convention Centre on

Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this morning.

Vice-Chairman of MWVO Central Organizing Committee Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) presided over the meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen Chairman of Shan State (South) WVO Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Ye Tun Sein and Chairman of Chin State WVO SC Lt-Col Ohn Myint Oo.

First, Vice-Chairmen of MWVOCOC (See page 6)



Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) makes an address at the coordination meeting for holding MWVO Conference-2005 at Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon Township. — MNA

- * 'Ice', was first seized in 2001.
- * 'Ice' seizures were made by 2005 for a total of 1,315 kilos.
- * Another form of stimulant 'Ecstasy', which is popularly known as 'head-shaking pills', was also seized since 2001.
- * Altogether 4 seizures were made by 2005 amounting to a total of 355 tablets.

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The directly-benefitted tasks include social, religious and cultural undertakings, greening tasks, urban and rural beautifying tasks, sanitation tasks, and health and educative tasks.

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Ambassadors, military attaches, resident representatives and officials of UN agencies test seized drugs to be torched. (News on page 1) — MNA